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In a cable extended by International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions to all Arab & International trade union and professional organisations, it expressed its conviction that Iran laid hold the Arab nation involvement in the Great Cause to incur its armed troops into the central territory of Dhofar and its capital Salalah underneath close coordination and planning with the Arab reactionaries in the area with the aim of wiping out the armed struggle in Oman.

ICATU, hence, strongly demanded all these Organisations to organise broad campaigns to denounce and condemn Iranian intervention by all means.

The Red Line Witnesses More Attacks Against Enemies' Positions

The P.F.L.O.A.G. Hails Popular Organisations Stand in Kuwait & Lebanon & Calls For More Condemning Iranian Invasion

PDRY People in Huge Marches Denouncing Iranian Invasion

On the 9th January, a huge march in Aden proceeded to the General Confederation of Yemeni

Workers denouncing the armed Iranian invasion of Oman.

Amidst the huge masses of people, speeches condemning the Shah-Qabus plots and the Iranian invasion and supporting the struggles of the people of Oman & the Arabian Gulf under the leadership of P.F.L.O.A.G were delivered at the confederation of Yemeni Workers Headquarters in Aden. Representatives of the mass organizations, the Union of Democratic Yemeni Youth, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman & the Arabian Gulf and the Central Committee of the Congolese Communist Party delivered speeches expressing utter condemnation of the Iranian invasion of Oman and demonstrating its complementary aspect to the Zionist invasion of other parts of the Arab world. The speakers communicated the full support that their organisations gave to the people of Oman & the Arabian Gulf in their just struggle led by P.F.L.O.A.G against the local and Iranian reactionaries.

The representative of the Union of Democratic Yemeni Youth pointed out that in order to have a good

understanding of the nature of the struggle in the Arabian Gulf one must comprehend the motive behind these developments. This area contains 60% of the known world oil reserve and is the main source of oil to U.S. imperialism and its allies in Europe, Japan and all this in the atmosphere of the "energy-crisis". The invasion was not an event without its previous manifestations, such as, the hysterical arming of Iran and the other CENTO members, the U.S. diplomats meeting in Tehran, the massive shipments of arms to Saudi Arabia,

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MILITARY REPORT

During the period situated between 20th December, 1973 upto 11th January, 1973, the heroes of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia, launched several attacks with different weapons on the positions of the colonialist and Iranian reactionary enemy. The military activity is summarised as follows:-

1) Our revolutionaries launched eleven attacks and artillery shelling on the positions of the enemy at the Red Line and in Sarfeat.

2) Thirty two positions of the enemy were destroyed.

3) Twenty six members of the enemy were killed.

4) Destruction of a watch post and a wireless set and machine-guns.

The aircraft of the enemy launched retaliatory raids on the dwellings of the citizens in the Central and Western Regions resulting in the following:-

1) Injury of two citizens
2) Burning of grazing areas.

Daily battles are being waged by our heroic people against the Iranian invaders (The mercenaries of Qaboos and Britain).

The activities covering the period 23-12-73 to 2-1-74 were as follows:-
1. 6 mortar attacks on enemy position.

2. 15 attacks using light and medium guns and rockets, in addition to sniper activities.

3. 8 engagements with the enemy.

4. Destroying an armoured car.

5. Destruction of a land rover.

6. Destruction of a wireless set.

7. Destroying 16 fortified enemy positions.

8. Enemy losses were estimated at 90 dead and wounded.

OUR LOSSES

1. Criminal attack on the civilian population.
2. Punitive attacks by the British Royal Air Force which resulted in the burning of large areas of cultivated land.

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Public opinion against Iranian Invasion

A call From Support Committee for the Liberation Movement in the Gulf.

The Committee received the following telegram from the P.F.L.O.A.G dated 27 December 1973:

IRANIAN MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBERATED ZONE AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION.

Later reports in Western sources confirm that 3,000 more soldiers of the fascist regime of the Shah were sent to Salalah, the capital of Dhofar and the only major area still under the control of the forces of the Sultan. The Iranian soldiers are now engaged in fierce battles against the revolutionary forces of the PFLAOAG as well as massing troops near the border with the Democratic Republic of Yemen. The Iranian Air Forces is continuously and savagely bombing the liberated regions.

The Shah's "beat" as gendarme of the Gulf has been enlarged. Recent war communiques from the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf indicate that the pace of the struggle has quickened. Reports of downing British airplanes indicate that the people's war in Oman is entering a new phase. It was clear that the forces of the Sultan and his British "advisors" even bolstered by small contingents of Jordanian secret police and Iranian soldiers could not cope with the revolution.

The Nixon Doctrine is clear in its plans for such contingencies. The U.S. puppet regime of the Shah has been shored up militarily for years in order to step in and preserve "Law and Order" for U.S. imperialism in the Gulf. Iran has apparently been given the go-ahead to attempt to intervene in Oman.

The troops near the border with revolutionary Yemen are ominous as well. The imperialists are well aware that the P.D.R.Y. is the firm rear area of the revolutionary forces throughout the Arabian peninsula and in the region generally. Attacks in the past have come from north Yemen and Saudi Arabia as well as British bombing raids over the border with Oman. Unless the imperialists attack by sea as the British did when they took Aden in 1839 the only route left is by land from Dhofar.

The revolutionary forces around the Gulf will never allow this vicious attack to go unanswered. The Iranian people in particular have

already begun to demonstrate their solidarity with their Arab brothers and sisters by struggling against the Shah's reactionary aggressiveness. Last year 28 martyrs died while opposing the 3 billion arms purchase of the Shah. This show of solidarity will certainly grow into the unified struggle of the peoples of the Gulf and Iran against their common enemy and this enemy will be defeated.

The task of the progressive forces is clear as well. U.S. imperialism, weakened by its defeats in Vietnam

and throughout the world, is attempting to defeat revolutions by proxy through "third" parties such as Iran. Just as we fought direct intervention through exposure, education, and massive struggles against the war in Indochina (which still continues), we must mobilize against the new attacks on the revolution in the Gulf. The P.F.L.O.A.G. has called on progressive forces to begin immediate educational campaigns to educate the people about the struggle in the Gulf and we must respond.

NEWS BRIEF

ADEN, Jan. 20 — Presidential Council Chairman Salem Robaya Ali today issued Ordinance No. 1 of 1974 pertaining to the organisation of the family. The Ordinance consists of 53 clauses which dealt with different stages of the life of the family in a way ensuring for the Yemeni community proper methods to bring up their children and create

from elements of the family persons eager to defend the homeland, sacrifice their lives for its protection and for building a united democratic Yemen to express the ambitions of the masses of the workers.

It is worth recalling that this ordinance was issued after lengthy discussions in all provinces in which the masses of the revolution shared to crystallise and enrich many of its clauses. This ordinance was today turned into a historical document in the hand of the Yemeni family. Adherence to this document means the first step on the road of liberating the family from the feudal relations.

25 LEBANESE STUDENT ORGANISATIONS ISSUE A STATEMENT

In a joint statement by 25 student organisations in Lebanon, the Iranian invasion was strongly condemned, and the war of aggression against the Omani people and its vanguard PFLAOAG was described as one against the whole Arab nation. The statement called upon the Arab democratic and nationalist forces to immediately realise the following demands:

1. Support the Popular Front in its struggle against the reactionary rulers of the Gulf and against the Iranian and British invasion.
2. Mobilise all Arab resources to foil the plot against the Arab National Liberation movement, of which the Geneva surrender conference and the invasion of Oman are manifestations.
3. The complete withdrawal of the invading forces of Iran.
4. All Arab national states to sever all relations with invading Iran.
5. Dismiss the government of the Omani Sultanate from all official

Arab Organisations and Institutions, because by inviting invasion it lost its national independence.

6. Support Democratic Yemen as a revolutionary focus in the Arab peninsula.

Al-Hurriya Condems Iranian Invasion

"THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES HAVE TO RAISE THEIR VOICE HIGH IN SOLIDARITY WITH OMAN AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN."

The Lebanese newspaper Al-Hurriya, described the Iranian invasion of Dhofar, as one of the chains of aggression directed against the revolution of Dhofar and the revolution of Democratic Yemen.

In its last issue the newspaper said that since the 28th December, the forces of Iran and Qabos have been launching a joint wide-scale aggression against the liberated areas of Dhofar. Their strength was estimated at over 7,000 soldiers, reinforced with artillery and aircraft

and the fighting is still continuing.

The newspaper said that during the past two weeks, the acts of intrigues and interventions across the Yemeni territorial waters have increased.

Reports said that aircraft from the fleet began to violate the air space of Democratic Yemen and to harass in a provocative manner civil aircraft.

In conclusion the newspaper called upon all national and progressive forces in Lebanon and other Arab countries to raise their voice high against such Imperialist and reactionary acts of aggression and to observe solidarity with Democratic Yemen and the revolution of Oman.

CANTON, Jan. 21 — Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the Cambodian United National Front, announced that the popular forces which surround Phnom Penh will do everything in their power to end the regime of the puppet Lon Nol clique. This came in a statement made by Prince Sihanouk to the Agence France Presse. Sihanouk said: We reject the middle solution imposed by the forces of imperialism. He said that the question of finding a solution as it happened in Laos, by the establishment of a government in collaboration with the reactionary rulers, will lead to the partition of the territories and continuation of the crisis a thing which will in turn lead to continuation of the popular war. In connection with the raids launched by the Cambodian revolutionaries the leader of the National Front said: We are waging the war since the past four years and it is natural that we will remain after years the doors of Phnom Penh."

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Messages of Support From Iranian Militant Organisations

Several Iranian revolutionary organisations expressed their deplored to the reactionary Iranian invasion of the liberated Zone of Dhofar (Oman) and expressed their solid support to our people's struggle led by PFLOAG.

In accordance, we published herunder some of the messages extended by these Organisations to the PFLOAG Executive Committee:

From the National Liberation Front of Iran (Aroad):

Dear comrades,

It was with deep abhorrence that we heard the news of the military assault by three thousands of the Shah's army backed by air and sea power against your courageous fighters. It is not for the first time that such an attack has taken place against the wishes of the suffering people of Iran. Neither is it the first time that you have repelled such a blatant aggression at a great cost to the aggressors an aggression designed to buttress the puppet regime of Qaboos and to protect the interests of the imperialism in the region. At these historic moments we express our deepest sympathy and abhor the Shah's latest act of aggression.

It is a few years now since the Iranian fighters have taken up arms against the regime of the shah; this gendarme of the region and the cause of misery and poverty of millions of Iranian people. By sacrificing their lives, the Iranian fighters have dealt hard blows against the regime, thereby opening a new page in the history of persian people struggle against reaction and

imperialism. The Persian fighters are fully aware of the fact that victory is attainable only through the united efforts of the freedom movements of the region against the common enemies, namely, the puppet regimes in the region and world imperialism. We have no doubt at all that as in the past (October and November 1971 and February 1973) you will send the aggressors packing, be it the British 'Red Devil' commandoes, the Shah's air force or the puppet regime of Qaboos.

We can only reiterate what you yourselves have said: "We say to the new invaders, as the interior of the Eastern Region was a cemetery for the British commandoes, it will also be a cemetery for the new invaders". We firmly believe in this declaration. Victory is yours since you are in the right.

LONG LIVE THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE FIGHTING FORCES OF THE PEOPLE OF DOHAFAIR, LED BY PFLOAG, AGAINST THE BRITISH, IRANIAN AND QABOOS MERCENARIES;

DOWN WITH THE IMPERIALISTS DOMINATION AND THEIR PUPPET AGENTS IN THE GULF REGION AND IN THE WORLD;

LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLES OF IRAN AND DOHAFAIR AGAINST THEIR COMMON ENEMIES: THE IMPERIALISTS, THE SHAH AND QABOOS.

Also, we quote some excerpts from a long warm message from The Organisation of Revolutionary Iranians extended to the Executive Committee:

The Shah of Iran, this ruthless, despotic dictator, has finally taken the step he has been itching to take for years. At the bidding of his U.S. imperialist masters, on Dec. 20 he sent 3,000 Iranian troops to wage an offensive against the heroic struggle of the people of Dhofar. He also has as many as 30,000 troops presently stationed in Oman.

This is the second major act of aggression which the Shah has carried out in the Gulf and is a blatant attack against the people of the entire Gulf. (His first major attack was military occupation of three Gulf islands in 1971.)

The revolution of our Arab brothers and sisters in Oman and around the Gulf, under the correct leadership of the PFLOAG, is being seriously threatened by the Shah's barbaric attack. The Shah is carrying out his role as gendarme of the Gulf in the most blatant form now by directly and openly trying to crush the struggle of the people of Oman. Ever since the people of Oman began and particularly the Omani masses their revolutionary struggle in the province of Dhofar on the ninth of June in 1965, their struggle has reached out and touched the masses around the Gulf. Particularly in recent years, the struggle in Oman as a whole has gained tremendous victories and has become a point of inspiration for all the Arab and Iranian masses in the Gulf region. This struggle is awakening all the peoples of the region to rise up and struggle for their national independence and freedom. The imperialists cannot tolerate the existence of this revolution. For it presents the most serious threat to political and strategic interest of the imperialists and especially to the lifeline of the capitalist world, the vast oil resources of the Gulf.

The Shah's attack against the people of Oman and the Gulf which is being focused in Dhofar is a test of the Shah's ability to act as a gendarme to protect the imperialists' interests and to bolster the other local reactionary puppets in the area. This attack is a test of whether the imperialists have been able to successfully turn Iran into a counter-revolutionary base against the people of the Gulf.

The fascist attempt by Mohammad Reza Shah's gang to annihilate the entire revolutionary movement in the Gulf must be wholeheartedly and actively condemned. It is the duty of all Iranian revolutionaries to raise high the banner of militant unity between the struggle in Iran and the struggle throughout the Gulf. And by continuously struggling against the aggressive Pahlavi regime and its imperialist masters, we must change Iran from a base of counter-revolution to a base of revolution in the Gulf.

Down with the counter-revolutionary attack of the puppet pahlavi regime

and its imperialist masters against the people of Oman and the Gulf.

Long live the unity of the revolutionary movements of the Gulf against US imperialism and its local puppets.

Unity to the struggle of the people of the middle east and the Gulf.

P D R Y People Denouncing Iranian Invasion(Cont'd)

the U.S. seventh fleet movements in the area and the Iranian occupation of the Arab islands. He added that the Iranian Qabus-Jordanian treaty whose plans are 'designed in the imperialist bureaus in London and Washington is the main force of imperialism in subduing the will of the people of the Arab peninsula and Gulf, and to end its victorious revolution and liquidate the progressive patriotic regime in Democratic Yemen.

The PFLOAG delivered its speech by saluting the people of Democratic Yemen for the great support given to the revolution in Oman and the Arabian Gulf. PFLOAG stated that upon realizing that the future struggle in the Middle East will revolve around the Arabian Gulf, consequently the imperialist forces, zionism and its puppet Sheiks and Sultans concluded that the political, military and economic conditions must be changed in this region. The new-feature today is not the great size of this military operation in the Dhofari countryside but the nature and size of the role given to the Iranian reactionary invaders and this also demonstrates the willingness of the puppet regimes to accept invaders to protect their thrones.

We direct a call to all the progressive forces and forces of freedom and peace to take its great responsibilities in standing beside the 9th of June revolution. The progressive Arab forces are called to stand by the revolution in its battle of destiny in these historical moments of its life.

This attempt is part of the imperi-

alist strategy to liquidate the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen, but the destiny of the thrones in Muscat, Tehran and Ryad will not be any better than the destiny of the past Sultans in South Arabia.

In the 5th. Gov., a similar big procession took place where thousands of toiling masses proceeded in the Capital Mukalla.

At the end of the procession, a mass meeting was held where speeches of the mass organisations P.F.L.O.A.G. representative was delivered.

Political Commentary (Cont'd)

Undoubtedly, some popular organisations in Kuwait and Lebanon took the initiative by issuing statements denouncing the Iranian invasion and supporting our people in their just cause. This will always be remembered by our people. Our people hail the firms stand of the people of Democratic Yemen and its vanguard political organisation the National Front.

We ask Arab mass organisations to make a move after the failure of their regimes in fulfilling their national duty. The Arab masses have always in the past risen at the critical hour and imposed on their regimes to stick to the patriotic stand. It is their duty to do so now. In 1966, the peoples of the whole Arab nation rose and denounced the tripartite aggression against Egypt. The Arab regimes, consequently had to support the struggle of the Egyptian people. In 1967 after the June defeat, when the Arab armies were destroyed and their

regimes humiliated, at a time when Moshe Dayan was waiting for a surrender plea from the heads of Egypt and Syria, the Arab masses moved by their true patriotic feelings and refused to surrender. The Arabs refused to surrender. The Arab masses proved that they were ready to continue the struggle, to give all sacrifices, to die and to starve, but they were not ready to surrender.

To-day, we ask these same masses and their democratic and patriotic organisations to rise to their historical national responsibility and condemn the Iranian invasion of our motherland, Oman, and to condemn the stand of indifference and silence taken by the Arab regimes in the face of this unveiled expansionist aggression.

We have great hopes in the Arab masses. History has taught us the fact that people alone bear the consequences of aggression and invasion.

The Establishment of Solidarity Committee in Baghdad

The following liberation movements held a meeting to support the Omani people in their struggle against the fierce Shah-in-Shah invasion of the southern region of Oman: The Iranian National Front, The People's Front for the Liberation of Al-Ahwaz, The United Front for the Liberation of West Somalia, The Eritrean Liberation Front, Chad Liberation Front, Kurdish Democratic Party in Iran, People's Front for the Liberation of Darfuristan and the Political Committee for the Palestinian Revolution in Iraq.

AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR REVOLUTION

The delegation of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf left Aden for Cairo to attend the preparatory meeting of the 11th session of the Council to attend the Afro-Asian Peoples solidarity organisation which will be held in Baghdad.

These committees will prepare the documents pertaining to the council of the organisation. They will also prepare for the conference pertaining to consolidation of the liberation movements in Oman and the Arabian Gulf which is expected to be held in Baghdad during the same period in which the meetings of the council of the organisation will be held.

Invitations were sent to all national democratic working groups in Oman and the Arabian Gulf to attend the conference in support of the liberation movements. These include the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

These organisations strongly resented such fierce Shah-in-Shah invasion and condemned it. They also condemned the puppet Qaboos regime which was behind the extermination campaign exercised by the British, Shah-in-Shah and Hashemite royal foreign forces against the militant Arab people in Oman.

The meeting emanated in the formation of a "Committee in Support of the Revolution in Oman and the Arabian Gulf for extending all means of backing and material and moral support for the People's Front for

the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

Appealing to the national and progressive forces in the area and in the world, these organisations said: In the name of the Committee in Support of the Revolution in Oman and the Gulf, we appeal to you to support the revolution in Oman and to firmly stand by the side of your comrades in the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf who are now confronting and checking off most ugly annihilation operations performed by

the puppet Qaboos forces and the British, Shah-in-Shah and Hashemite royal invading forces.

While appealing to you to extend the material and morale support to it and to expose all plans of imperialism which are being implemented by the puppet Shah Government in Iran against the people of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, we turn to you and urge you to unite your ranks and to form a combative front to repel to imperialist-Zionist-reactionary alliance.

Masses of Kuwait Reject Qaboos Visit

THE popular organisation issues a statement protesting on the proposed visit of Qaboos to Kuwait. This is due to his invitation to the Iranian aggressors to oppress the people's revolution against his stooges.

The statement addressed all the patriotic and progressive Arab people and all the peace-loving peoples of the world. Here are some excerpts: ".....The Iranian Government has taken the opportunity of the difficult times lived by the Arab nation, and launched its aggression on the 20th December against the Omani people in Dhofar."

".....The Omani people are in urgent need for your support in their heroic resistance to the foreign invasion. Help to expose the treacherous nature of Qaboos who invited and helped the invaders..... The Arab islands which were previously occupied by the Iranian forces are now being used as bases for further aggression

on the rest of the region..... We should not be content with vocal support only, we must actively support those who sacrifice their lives to defeat the aggressors so as to preserve the integrity of our Arab homeland.

.....Condemn the Iranian invaders and the treacherous rulers of Muscat and stand to the side of the fighters of P.F.L.O.A.G."

Arab Student Unions in the University of Kuwait issued a statement condemning the Iranian invasion and supporting the struggle of our heroic people against the invaders.

.....The dictatorial regime of Iran reveals yet another of its dirty reactionary imperialist roles in the region of Oman, the Arab Gulf and the Arab peninsula. This role is part of the Imperialist plan to liquidate the armed revolution in Oman and the national liberation movement in the Arab peninsula.

.....The armed aggression has reached as far as the borders of Democratic Yemen. The invasion aimed at:

1. The progressive regime of Democratic Yemen as a base and focus to the revolution.
2. The armed revolution led by P.F.L.O.A.G.

Support Democratic Yemen and the Popular Front, consolidate unity of our struggling masses in the region and the Iranian masses to defeat the Iranian invaders."

IRANIAN STUDENTS IN FRANKFURT RESPOND TO OUR APPEAL

NEW P.F.L.O.A.G. OFFICE IN LIBYA
An office for P.F.L.O.A.G. was opened in Tripoli in the Libyan Arab Republic on 30th December.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT: MORE BACKING FOR QABOOS

The British Government promised the Muscat Government with the extension of technical aid.

This promise was conveyed to puppet Qaboos by the British Minister of State for External Affairs Lord Balniel who recently visited Muscat as part of his tour of the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

During his presence in Muscat he held talks which were described as very mutual with puppet Qaboos and his Ministers.

Since the declared assignment of Lord Balniel's tour is to hold discussions with the officials in this area on the question of oil and to obtain assurances for Britain to secure it, yet it was stated that Lord Balniel discussed with puppet Qaboos military issues connected with the British military backing for the Sultanate of Muscat.

As it will appear clear, the promise to extend British technical aid means that the Sultanate will obtain further British military aid.

In a statement to the press, our spokesman described the opening of this office as an important step on the road of deepening revolutionary relations between the Revolution of the 1st September and the Revolution of the 9th June. Thanks were extended to the Libyan Arab Republic for backing and consolidation given to the Arab people in Oman and their armed revolution, against British Colonialism and the Iranian invasion, which aims at swallowing the Arab territory in the Arabian Gulf.

The opening of the office follows a visit, last July, by a delegation from Libya to the Liberated areas in Oman.

Following the appeal made by the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf to the Iranian, Arab and international progressive organisations to protest against the armed Iranian invasion of the liberated area of Dhofar (Oman) and its open interference in the affairs of Oman, the Confederation of Iranian Students (National Organisation) called for a protest demonstration on Wednesday 9th January 1974 in Frankfurt to deplore the Iranian invasion and to back up the struggle of our people in Oman under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

The West German police faced the demonstration with fierceness using truncheons and hose pipes. As a result of this twenty demonstrators were injured. The Confederation also called for another demonstration on Friday 11th January in protest against the fierceness of the police. Once again the West German police used hose pipes and truncheons but the demonstrators succeeded in reaching the centre of the town.